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In re Application of:
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For: Optical Encoder with Triple
Photodiode

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the entire original application as originally filed with the substitute application herein attached, which contains 8 pages of specification, 5 pages of 22 claims, 2 sheets of 4 figures of drawings, and a 1 page abstract for 14 total pages.

REMARKS

The above substitution was made to conform with a substitute specification requirement set out in the *Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application*. In particular, the substitute specification was required for conformance with margin requirements and not for reasons related to patentability. No new matter has been added.

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